

WELCOME ADDRESS BY:



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AT:

**THE PRESENATATION AWARD CEREMONY OF THE
ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS**

His Excellency,
Ambassador John Cambell, the U. S. Ambassador in Nigeria.
The Vice Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
Prof. S. U. Abdullahi
The D. V. C. Admin. and Chairman, D. S. S. Management Board.
Prof. Y. A Nasidi
The Registrar, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.,
Alh. Idris Ahmad
The Bursar, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
Alh. I. S. Usman
The University, Librarian, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
Prof. Zakari Mohammed
Other Dignitaries here present.

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you to this important occasion specially designed to rejoice with the Access Scholarship Students who are being presented here to receive their Award Certificates. May I therefore crave the indulgence of everyone here to join me in congratulating all the awardees for their well deserve achievement which enable them to be part of this great occasion.

I want to seize this opportunity to inform this gathering that our relationship with the Embassy started four years ago when they gave us a grant of Three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (₦3,900,000.00) not in cash form but in terms of materials to establish an English Language Laboratory. I am happy to inform you that the laboratory is the first of its kind in Kaduna State.

Having seen the way we produce good results and moral standard of the school, the Embassy initiated the Access Scholarship Students Programme specifically meant to assist students from the Public Secondary Schools within Zaria and its environs, who are good academically but due to poor financial position of their parents cannot send them to schools like ours.

In the year 2004, the Embassy sponsored Ten (10) students who came from less privileged homes from Public Secondary Schools around Zaria. The Embassy spent the sum of One Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N1,950,000.00) to cater for their 3 year secondary education. This category of students are now in their final year.

1. HABILA ALIYU
2. UMAR M LAWAL
3. HUSSAINI ABDULLAHI
4. KHADIJAH SAFIYANU
5. SULEIMAN MUHAMMED
6. S. ALIYU LADAN
7. UMAR MAGAJI
8. HARUNA NAFISAT
9. ACHIMUGU GRACE
10. FATIMA MUSA

In the following year 2005, another grant of Two Million Two Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Naira (N2,275,000.00) was given to sponsor another set of Ten (10) students who are in SS2.

In the year 2006, a grant of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) was also given to sponsor Twenty (20) students for a period of Two Years i.e. SS1 – SS2 only.

This programme has really exposed young talents from Public Schools because majority of them are now performing excellently well in the school.

I beg to appeal for the approval of the Embassy to extend the scholarship for the 2006 by one year to enable the students to have full three-year scholarship instead of the two year given. I also want to appeal to the Ambassador to build an International Computer Laboratory for the use of our students in addition to Language Laboratory.

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank the American Embassy for selecting our school to establish the English Language Laboratory and making it the centre for Access Scholarship Programme in Kaduna State. Our association with you has made the school to be known not only in Nigeria but internationally.

Once again I thank you and may God grant you journey mercies back to your respective destinations.